

To whom it may concern:

As an avid catch and release carp angler I was pleased to previously voice my support for the trophy carp regulations recently passed. However I have now heard that last minute exemptions are being considered. In all fairness such decisions should be made following input by ALL stakeholders.

I should point out that catch and release anglers sustain the resource by releasing especially the largest fish. Bow fishers by contrast specifically seek to kill as many of the largest rarest individuals as possible. In practice the waste is immense and must be seen to be believed. As a lifelong sportsman I could never condone wasteful killing without intent to consume the harvest. Exempting bow fishers from the well conceived trophy carp regulations is much like exempting foxes in henhouses.

There was ample opportunity for comment, discussion, and debate. Please do not reverse the outcome with last second exemptions that essentially nullify the entire intent of preserving trophy carp fisheries.

Respectfully,
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Sent from my iPhone